

**Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2019**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Mark Anderson – present	Jerry Foxhoven – present
Alexa Heffernan – present	Mikki Stier - present
Kimberly Kudej – present	Nancy Freudenberg - present
Kim Spading – present via phone	Mike Randol – present
Sam Wallace – present via phone	Carrie Malone - present
Matt Highland- present	Julie Dougherty - present
Liz Matney - present	

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS
Representative Joel Fry – absent
Representative Lisa Heddens – absent
Senator Amanda Ragan – absent
Senator Mark Segebart – absent

Guests

Carol Forristall – New Council Member
 Rebecca Peterson – New Council Member
 Rick Sanders – New Council Member
 Tony Leys – Des Moines Register
 Stacie Maass – Iowa Total Care
 Erin Cubit – Iowa Hospital Association
 Paige Petitt – United Healthcare
 Flora Schmidt – IBHA

Call to Order

Mark Anderson, Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the first floor conference room of the Hoover State Office Building.

Roll Call

All Council members were present.
 All ex-officio legislative members were absent.

Rules

Nancy Freudenberg presented the following rule for adoption:

R-1. Amendments to Chapters 36 and 81, Medicaid. Changes the assessment levels for nursing facilities effective July 1, 2019. The Human Services Department in collaboration with stakeholders developed new assessment levels and requested an effective date of July 1, 2019.

A motion was made by Kudej to approve and seconded by Heffernan. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

R-2. Amendments to Chapter 73, Medicaid. Revises language to reflect the Department's implementation of a passive managed care enrollment process.

A motion was made by Kudej to approve and seconded by Heffernan. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

R-3. Amendments to Chapters 78 and 79, Medicaid. Changes the Consumer Choices Option (CCO) program available within the AIDS/HIV, Brain Injury, Elderly, Health and Disability, Intellectual Disability, and Physical Disability Waivers. Consolidates the CCO service description rules into one administrative sub rule, 441--78.34(13). Changes the monthly budget billing methodology for the Financial Management Services (FMS) provider from a prepay method to a post pay method. Also clarifies who may self-direct services and the budget and employer authority responsibilities. CCO defines how the monthly budget may be used by a member self-directing services. Removes the reference to the DHS service workers who are no longer involved in the CCO program. Finally, adds new member and employee responsibilities to assure proper payment for CCO services are made.

A motion was made by Heffernan to approve and seconded by Kudej. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The following amendments to administrative rules is presented as a **Notices of Intended Action** for review by the Council.

N-1. Amendments to Chapter 75, Medicaid. Changes the start date for HIPP approval for fee-for-service and premium assistance. Also changes the estimated savings to the Department from \$60 annually to \$1200 annually, eliminates the second cost-effective test, and provides technical changes to policy and definitions.

N-2. Amendments to Chapter 170, Child care. Revises the child care assistance program fees that are based on federal poverty level, household size, and family gross monthly income. Also provides clarification regarding change reporting requirements.

N-3. Amendments to Chapter 187, Child welfare. Complete revision to Chapter 187 regarding aftercare services. Merges aftercare and PAL rules into one division for clarity. Extends program eligibility to a maximum participant age of 23 and a number of other changes.

A motion was made by Heffernan to and seconded by Spading to approve the noticed rules. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Heffernan and seconded by Wallace to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019 meeting.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Legislative Update

Carrie Malone, Legislative Liaison, updated the council reporting that the Health and Human Services budget has been delayed until Thursday, April 11, 2019. There are 23 amendments in the bill that are being worked through at present. Five policy bills we introduced made it through the funnel deadline. Chair Mark Anderson asked if the Children's mental health bill would be passed. Malone stated that it would be passed this session. Council member Heffernan asked if the Governor had increased funding for Child Care Assistance. After the meeting Carrie checked into this and found there is no budget proposals that are public that deal with an increased appropriation for CCA.

Managed Care Update

Mike Randol, Director of Iowa Medicaid reported that the entire IME department is 100% focused and committed to a smooth transition for our Medicaid members after UnitedHealthcare announced that they are exiting the market on June 30, 2019. His team is working closely with Iowa Total Care (ITC) to ready themselves for the additional members that they will be onboarding. ITC is actively adding staff on a weekly basis and will be ready for the transition. Randol stated continuity of care is our highest priority.

Council Update

Anderson – Nothing to report.

Wallace – Expressed his appreciation to council member Heffernan for her service.

Spading – Nothing to report.

Kudej – Nothing to report.

Heffernan – Expressed her gratitude to everyone that she served on the council with and the hard work done by DHS.

Director's Report

Jerry Foxhoven, Director, reported

- Director Foxhoven reassured the group that the department is in a much better place with this MCO transition than a few years ago. We have more time and experience this time around. He mentioned for our members sake, let's all stay optimistic. The department is working very hard for a smooth transition.
- He reported that one of his main goals has been to decrease the case loads of our social workers by adding more positions. He shared that 79 new social workers are in the hiring process right now. The Governor, House and Senate have all been very supportive of this. We are working diligently to lower caseloads for all of our social workers.
- Some of the technology is very old in our department. Child welfare is trying to manage with technology that is 24 years old. The Governor and Legislators are giving us financial support to move forward with updating our technology. We are making great progress in the field, and moving in the right direction.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services is Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at the Hoover Building.

Adjournment

Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Submitted by,
Julie Dougherty
Council Secretary
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